

MEMORANDUM

April 17, 2023

TO: Public Safety Committee

FROM: Susan J. Farag, Legislative Analyst

SUBJECT: FY24 Operating Budget: Prisoner Medical Services NDA

PURPOSE: To review and vote on recommendations for Council consideration

Today the Committee will review the County Executive Recommended FY24 Operating Budget. Those expected to attend include:

Derrick Harrigan, Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

Overview

For FY24, the County Executive recommends \$20,000 to fund this Non-Departmental Account (NDA). The NDA provides reimbursements for medical costs incurred by persons under arrest, but not under the custody of the Department of Correction and Rehabilitation. The Department of Police administers this NDA. The spending history of the NDA is:

Prisoner Medical Services NDA	
Historical Spending	
Year	Expenditures
FY12	\$14,121
FY13	\$13,535
FY14	\$0
FY15	\$0
FY16	\$27,773
FY17	\$0
FY18	\$0
FY19	\$0
FY20	\$0
FY21	\$0
FY22	\$0

The costs for this responsibility are unpredictable. Annual expenditures over the past 10 years have ranged from a low of \$0 for several years, to a high of \$27,773 in FY16. The County will have to provide for whatever costs are incurred no matter how much is in the initial budget for this NDA. While FY16 expenditures exceeded the appropriation, a majority of the last 10 years has been below this amount. Council staff recommends approval of \$20,000 as submitted by the Executive.

Prisoner Medical Services

This NDA provides reimbursements to physicians and hospitals for medical care provided to individuals in the custody of any Montgomery County law enforcement agency, with the following exceptions:

- Offenders committed to the custody of the Department of Correction and Rehabilitation (DOCR) and receiving medical treatment paid for by the budget of that department,
- Medical treatment expenses covered by Workers' Compensation,
- Medical treatment expenses covered by personal medical insurance,
- Medical treatment expenses covered by the Federal Government,
- Medical treatment expenses covered by other appropriate and available outside resources.

The Department of Police manages this account with the assistance of the County Attorney. All bills are reviewed to determine the appropriateness of the medical expense reimbursement and to assess the responsible party for the medical expense.

FY24 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY23 Approved	20,000	0.00
FY24 Recommended	20,000	0.00